

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Replacement drawing Figures 1 and 2 are enclosed, both including the legend Prior Art.

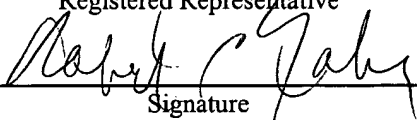
Claim 3 has been combined into claim 1, making claim 1 into claim 3 in independent form. The objections to words in claim 3 are noted. Those changes have been made in amended claim 1. Further, at what had been former line 12 of claim 3, the word "with" has been inserted after "formed" for better English. No other changes have been made in the text of claim 3. It is submitted that claim 1 in independent form is original claim 3, without narrowing the scope of original claim 3.

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102. With the amendment of claim 1 to include therein the entirety of claim 3, and with the indication that claim 3 is allowable, the rejection of claims 1 and 2 is rendered moot. Instead, claims 1 and 2 remaining in the application should be allowable and their allowance is requested.

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